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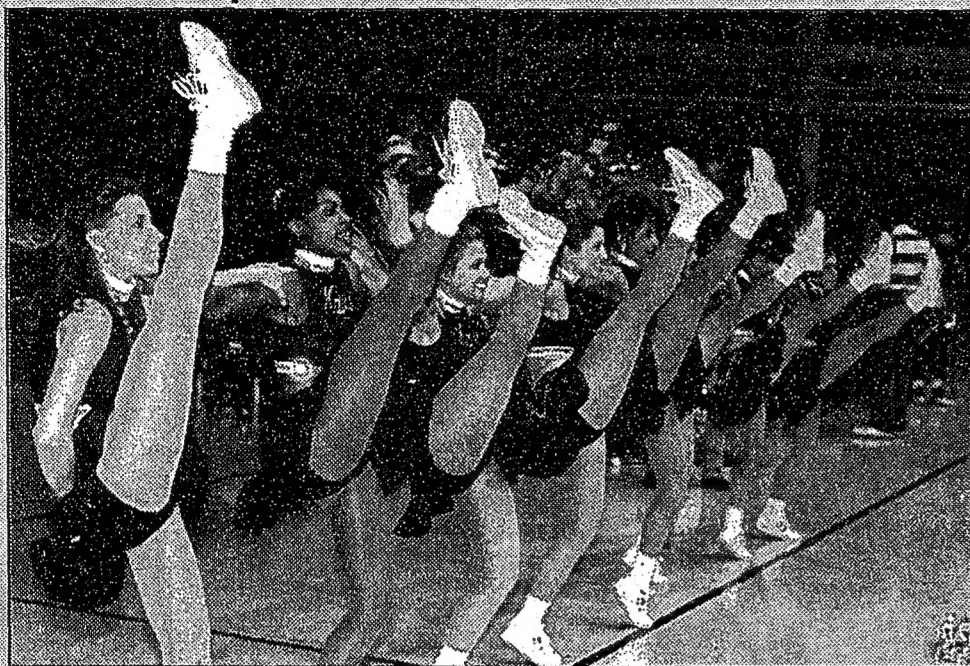
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Kickin' It Up at UNO



The UNO Mavericks perform at a recent Maverick basketball game.

SPO Offers Budget Cut

Group wants to help offset other budget cuts

By Brian J. Todd

The Student Programming Organization (SPO) made a preliminary offer to cut its 1996-97 budget by approximately \$3,300 in order to help offset the over \$18,034 projected deficit for student organizations.

SPO made the offer at last Thursday's Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) meeting.

Jason Winterboer, director of SPO, said his organization was willing to give up about \$3,300 of its scheduled budget for next year so other campus organizations would not have to take such deep cuts during the 1996-97 year.

If the Student Senate accepts the offer when it reviews the SABC recommendations, SPO's budget would go from \$2.63 per student to \$2.53 per student.

"We feel we have the money, so we're giving it back to the organizations to use," Winterboer said.

SPO will be in the second year of a two-year budget in 1996-97 and normally it's budget would not be up for review. SPO's budget could only be reviewed if enrollment dropped by more than 3 percent, which it did not, Winterboer said.

SPO usually has about a \$4,000 reserve fund that the organization uses for office and equipment upgrading, Winterboer said. But with the decreased revenues for student organizations, SPO felt it could run just as effectively without its reserve.

"We don't think it's going to affect programming," Winterboer said. "We can still have excellent programs."

Winterboer said that between his organization's resources and future networking with other campus organizations, students should still expect quality programs.

"I think what organizations on campus need to do is look out for one another," Winterboer said.

He hopes other student organizations will look at their budgets to try to help make up for next year's shortfall through SABC, he said.



Teen Has Heart-filled Holiday

Med Center installs state's first artificial heart

By Beth Warner

This year, hearts and flowers on Valentine's Day held a different meaning for Deanna Soto, a 17-year-old from Morrill, Neb.

Last Wednesday at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Soto underwent the first artificial heart procedure performed in Nebraska.

The ventricular assist device (VAD) was installed in a two-hour procedure performed by Dr. Tim Galbraith, chief of the Med Center's cardiothoracic surgery department, and Dr. Anselmo Alanso, a Med Center cardiothoracic surgeon.

Soto was diagnosed with cardiopulmonary, a disease of the heart muscles when she was nine years old.

Her brother Ernie also was diagnosed with cardiopulmonary. He received a heart transplant in February 1991 at the Latter Day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City. He is now 26.

Deanna began feeling poorly on Feb. 8. Because her heart wasn't pumping properly she started to retain fluid. Her face and stomach became very bloated, and her kidneys stopped functioning. She was admitted to Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff on Feb. 9 and transferred by airplane to the Med Center on Feb. 10.

Tim Kaldahl, assistant media coordinator the Med Center, said the VAD takes over the job of her weakened heart. Her heart remains in her body, Kaldahl said, while the VAD rests on her abdomen.



The VAD should keep Soto alive for 6 months or until a donor heart can be located. Her only chance for long-term survival is to receive a heart transplant. However, until her kidney and liver functions improve, she is not a candidate for heart transplant, he said.

Kaldahl said in a phone interview Tuesday morning that Deanna is listed as stable and in critical condition in the adult intensive care unit.

Kolleen Thompson, R.N., B.S.N., procurement coordinator for solid organ transplantation at the Med Center, said in a Wednesday morning interview that Soto could potentially be placed on the list for organ transplantation. She would be listed as status one, which is the highest status on the list.

Thompson said that there are currently 23 patients in Nebraska waiting for heart transplants. "She'd be twenty-fourth," Thompson said.

Thompson said that across the nation there are 3,416

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Drug and Alcohol Education Money Available

By Niz Proskocil

Five scholarships of \$300 each will be awarded in the fall 1996 semester, and 10 grants will be awarded in fall 1997 to students creating projects about alcohol, drug or crime prevention.

The 2-year grant of about \$40,000 from the U.S. Department of Education is called the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education.

Jeff Kuhr, UNO coordinator of alcohol and drug education, originated the grant in order to do "curriculum infusion." The only funding available was consortium grant funding, Kuhr said. He developed the Metro Omaha Higher Education Consortium, which consists of UNO, Creighton University and Methodist College of Nursing.

On each campus, students are asked to create a project that deals with alcohol, drugs and/or violence prevention. The project will be in relation to the student's academic discipline.

Students can incorporate the project into their course work or students can receive three credit hours of independent study.

Kuhr said there are no specifications as to what form the project should take. Projects do not necessarily have to be a research paper or an essay. They can be artwork, speeches, performances, slide presentations or plays—but from within the view of another discipline.

"We've never specified because creativity is so important," Kuhr said. "People in fine arts could do a play on violence or something. Maybe someone in biology could do a research project that shows the way alcohol affects the body. Criminal justice could do something that deals with law or with policy."

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OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

America Needs Regular Stan for Next President

Since the presidential primaries and caucuses are in full swing, I thought it was high time I came out in support of a candidate. Frankly, they've all been bugging me for an endorsement, so basically, I came to a decision just so Dole would quit waxing my car every weekend.

Unfortunately, there is just one winner and a whole lot of losers. But, in order for the losers to take advantage of my political savvy, I thought I would tell them what is wrong with their campaigns. And as a special bonus I thought I would tell them which campaign slogans don't seem to be working out too well.

So, without any further ado, here is the advice to the losers of the Brian's Endorsement Sweepstakes.

Let's start with the guy who has the job right now - who I will not be endorsing - Bill Clinton.

I think the President needs to stop stealing Dan Quayle's speech material about family values. Don't get me wrong, I am all for values and responsibilities, but I think it sounds a little funny from the guy who is trying like heck to spend every penny the federal government can tax, buy, borrow or steal.

President Clinton has come out with some great ideas for improving the quality of life in this country, but I am not sure where he thinks we will get the money for his pet projects.

Scholarships for the top 5 percent of every graduating class whether they need it or not. Health coverage for every American from the womb to the tomb.

Mr. President, I know you've had to spend more money on lawyers than campaign advertisement people, but I don't think "Bill Clinton: Great Ideas at a Great Expense" is the message you should be sending right now... what with it being tax season and all.

I can not really give any advice to Bob Dole - who I will not be endorsing - concerning his visions of the future. It seems Sen. Dole has no vision for the future.

Oh, I know everyone says that about him, but can you really think of anything he stands for that would set him apart from the crowd? Neither can I or anyone else who is not working on his campaign.

The Senator's campaign seems to be running on a couple of slogans that are not working well.

The first one: "Bob Dole. You Point the Way and He Will Take You There." has not really caught fire with the electorate.

The slogan that will surely follow for his campaign, "Bob Dole: Hasn't He Finally Earned It?" might work better if he was referring to a beer instead of the presidency.

The last two candidates of note - neither of which I will be endorsing - are Steven Forbes and Lamar Alexander.

Forbes, as anyone not in a coma knows, has what he calls a revolutionary flat tax plan.

The interesting thing about his flat tax is that it isn't exactly flat. Instead, it kind of warps and twists at the edges like a board that has been left out on the porch too long.

And, though I admit his Warped Tax Plan is fascinating, I wonder how he would handle things like Bosnia or Rwanda.

Would he tax them, too?

"Steve Forbes: A Real Flat Guy!" seems like the kind of thing we would rather avoid. But keep at it Steve, it is not every day we get to see millionaires squander their millions.

Lamar Alexander wants us to believe he is a regular guy. He wants us to believe he is not a Washington insider. I think he also wants us to believe in the Easter Bunny.

However, his working slogan, "Lamar Alexander: One of the Guys... Really." has not fooled anyone yet.

But I think Mr. (Governor, Secretary, whatever) Alexander has hit on the point. We're tired of people with pet agendas, lobby money and no morals and political convictions. We're tired of guys in power ties, \$500 suits, Armani shoes and plaid shirts from L.L. Bean. And we're tired of millionaires (everyone on the list so far is a qualifier, folks) telling us how middle class America should feel, live and let its tax money be spent.

And that, folks, is why I am endorsing for the office of President of the United States, some guy named Stan.

Oh, I haven't met him yet. Couldn't tell you if he's short or tall, skinny or fat. I don't know if he's old or young. I'm not even sure if he's a Democrat or a Republican. But I will know him when I see him.

Stan works hard for a living and knows the value of a dollar. He also knows the price of a gallon of milk and loaf of bread.

Stan has never been elected to anything, except maybe treasurer of the local VFW hall.

He believes in paying his taxes, but doesn't want to pay too much. And he knows the government wastes a lot of money.

Stan can not be swayed by political lobbyists and backscratches - frankly he finds the whole system a little repugnant. But Stan, once we find him, will be willing to work hard. And he will only make decisions based on his gut feelings, not the advice of spin doctors and policy wonks.

I'm looking forward to voting for Stan, and I'm sure you will be, too. After all how can the American people not want to vote for one of us... a regular Joe... er, Stan.

Look, I can see some of you are a little leery of Stan for president. I know voting in some guy that has no experience may sound dicey to some of you, but remember, if we don't like him we can all vote for some lady named Vivian in 2000.

Brian Todd
Columnist

WHAT THE CANDIDATES MIGHT SAY ARE THEIR REAL REASONS FOR RUNNING....

PEROT DID IT, SO CAN I!

IT'S MY TURN, DAMMIT...

I WAS HERE FIRST!



Nation Should Clean Up Language for Kids' Sake

I'm sure most of you remember the media circus created a few years ago by a few of our fellow country men and women about the censorship and labeling of music. As I recall, most of the attention was focused on rap music. Some said that rap was far too vulgar for anyone under 18 to listen to, let alone purchase. So, after congressional hearings and more media hype, labels were affixed to any and all music that was considered beyond good taste.

And with this, everybody had cookies and milk and took a nice long nap, having rested their fears.

As far as I was concerned when all this was going on, I was, to be perfectly honest, a little miffed. I wasn't as yet of age to purchase these "vulgar" records, and I felt that if I wanted to, I should be able to. After all, the government was taxing my income, so why shouldn't I have been able to buy the things I wanted with what little money I had left?

But, as they say at the bingo hall, with age comes wisdom. And now I am seeing the error of my ways. This change in my ideals has been building over the last few years. However, I was still sitting on the fence on the issue of censorship, leaning one way or the other (according to whomever was creating the most breeze), until just the other day. That's when it happened. That's when my belief in censorship and labeling, of not only music, but of television and the Internet, became concrete.

No, it wasn't some profound metamorphosis, like having Moses come down from the mountain top, that came over me. It was as simple as hearing the words of a young boy as they were spoken to his mother in the checkout line of my local grocery store.

"F*^@ you, mommy," he said.

Whoa!! Wait a second.

"Did I hear him correctly?" I thought to myself as I stood behind the red-faced mother. A swift slap to his face told me that I had.

Sure, I've heard thousands of people tell countless others to blank off before. It has almost become commonplace. I've done it, and, if you're human, you've done it, too.

But this boy was no more than five years old and he said it so distinctly that you'd have thought he'd said it before.

Of course, it's very possible that he picked up this phrase from the very woman who slapped his face for using it. And, it's not at all out of the realm of possibility to say that he learned it from his playmates.

I, however, tend to be a little on the paranoid side, (and as presumptuous as I've ever

been) in saying that he probably heard it on either the television or the radio. Being an impressionable tot, he figured that if grownups could use it, then he could, too.

His mother, with the swiftness only a mother could muster, showed him differently. And it's a good thing she did. I certainly would not want to hear my nephew Nathan, who is about the same age, saying anything that remotely resembled that phrase.

Does Jack really need to call Loren a female dog (even though she's secretly having an affair with Victor) day in and day out? Is it necessary for Roseanne to call Dan an "a-hole" in front of millions of people?

No, it's not.

And the problem is getting worse. Our superstars of sport and screen (calling Mr. Irvin), the people most looked up to by children, are filling the airwaves and the talk shows with these profanities.

I'm not saying that these people should be tarred and feathered for it. After all, I've been known to spout an expletive or two myself. My point is that maybe bad language should be left to the HBO's and Cinemax's of the world.

Because when it's used by adults, it's mostly harmless. But when you hear a five year old using it, you can describe it as nothing but ugly.

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Religious Right Should Leave Gays to Live Life

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Ciaccio's letter on same-sex marriages, I wish to point out to him and anyone else who agrees with him that when the columnist wrote the article, it was not out of ignorance and I found it to be well-written and very informative. If anyone was ignorant, it was Mr. Ciaccio.

First, I understand that according to Mr. Ciaccio, sex not used for procreation is sexual abuse. Does this apply to everyone, or just homosexuals because they cannot procreate? Sounds pretty narrow-minded if you ask me. Secondly, marriage may be both legal and religious, but what ever happened to marriage being an avenue for two people to show their true commitment to one another? Third, I really thought psychology had advanced past their definition of homosexuality as being a sexual, mental and psychological deviance. I personally do not find same-sex acts unnatural, they exhibit an act of love and affection that two people, no matter what their gender, show to one another.

Also, Mr. Ciaccio, please do not compare homosexuals with criminals, it's a bad comparison and does neither justice. As far as homosexuality being a choice, it is a person's choice to have sex or not and with whom one has sex with. That much I agree. However, with what gender one is sexually attracted to and with the feelings of love that develop, that is no choice. If you ask someone who you know is gay, they would more than likely tell you they certainly wouldn't choose to be gay. This might explain the high rate of gay teenage suicide, and the many people who are still in the closet today. The hardest choice most homosexuals face is the choice to accept who they are and how they deal with all the adversity that goes along with the gay lifestyle.

I would also like to know, what "scientific evidence" Mr. Ciaccio has read and just because it's in black and white means it's fact. Learn some objectivity. There is, for your information, scientific evidence stating differences in the homosexual brain and the heterosexual brain. But even with all the scientific studies, no one is for certain why or who one is gay. We just are.

Finally, yes we do deserve the right to marry. Why should the religious right continue to delay and alter legislation on something that really doesn't concern them. What harm is going to come to the 700 Club, or any other groups because same-sex marriages become legal? Please, for the millionth time, keep your religious beliefs to yourself and just let us live our lives with the same rights and privileges as everyone else.

Eric Stephen

LETTERS

Questioning Word Usage

Dear Editor,

As the unnamed UNO communication department professor who took umbrage in the *World-Herald* at Mike Kohler's published remarks implying that scholars are not fit to be Cox Cable customers, I'd like to thank Kohler for clarifying his position.

I should, however, question the word Kohler used to characterize what I thought scholars ought to do to obtain redress for the anti-intellectualism manifest in the quote, which Kohler said was cobbled together from two different statements. In case anyone takes his word "vengeance" to mean rape, pillage, drive-by shooting, a nuclear attack, or tar and feathering, please be assured that I was merely urging my fellow eggheads to watch less television and read more books. In my dictionary, that is not "vengeance." It is "freedom and choice."

Bruce Johansen
UNO Professor

Resolution Gives Chancellor Right to Speak for Students

Dear Editor,

In the Feb. 16 issue of the University of Nebraska at Omaha *Gateway*, I was shocked to read a *Gateway* staff editorial which criticized Chancellor Weber for speaking on behalf of the students. If the *Gateway* staff had researched the matter, the article would not have been written because the staff would have discovered a SG-UNO resolution which justified his statement. The resolution SR 94-95-12 passed on March 30, 1995 regarding casino gambling at Ak-Sar-Ben states:

Whereas a recent proposal to build casinos at Ak-Sar-Ben would threaten the academic learning environment at UNO due to its proximity to Ak-Sar-Ben,

Whereas although we the students of UNO do not propose to regulate the personal conduct of individuals, we believe organized gambling in UNO's backyard would compromise the goals and objectives of higher education,

Whereas the President/Regent has asked the Senate to support the office of CCLR on this issue,

Therefore be it resolved that the Student Senate directs the CCLR to lobby against any such casino projects or any increase in the amount of organized gambling at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Although this directs the CCLR, not the Chancellor, this resolution gave Chancellor Weber a directive of student views. Remember that the student senators and myself are elected officials who represent your views. If students question this resolution, they need to call 554-2620 or contact their student senator or myself. Until then, I strongly suggest our *Gateway* staff apologize to Chancellor Weber and their Student Government.

Craig Richter
UNO Student President/Regent

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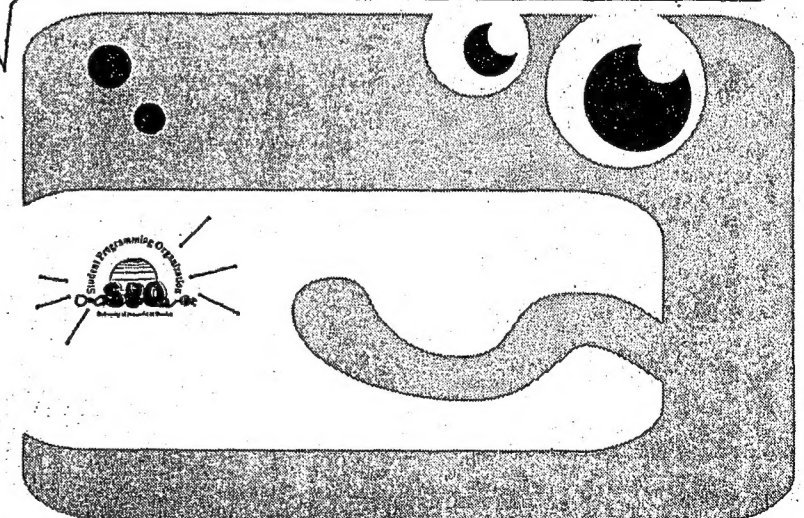
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Kuhr said that the grant, which is available only to undergraduate students, is an opportunity that often doesn't come along.

"This is kind of a chance for them to get some practical experience in their own field, but dealing with the subject of alcohol, drug or violence prevention."

Kuhr said his office has had a good response from students interested in the grant. He has distributed on campus about 40 "request for proposal" packets. Within the packet is a scholarship application and a proposal form.

Kuhr said students who are interested in doing a project can call his office, which will mail them the "request for proposal" packet. Students need to have an abstract of their project into Kuhr's office, located in the College of Business Administration, Room 308, by April 12.

"That's in time for them to register for next fall's classes because the credit hours we want to be part of next fall. So these projects won't have even begun until summer or fall."

When Kuhr receives the abstracts, he will review them and give the students permission to pursue what they've written down.

"We'll take their core idea, but maybe make a couple of minor suggestions just so everybody's approaching it in the same way."

Kuhr, the project director, said the grant originates from UNO and also involves Creighton University and Methodist College of Nursing because "we thought it was a

good community project, as well, to work together on."

Kuhr said that by doing this project, students will learn information firsthand and gain a better understanding about alcohol, drug or crime prevention.

"Anytime you've written an extensive paper for a class, you maybe felt like you were an expert about it. When the students do this, we think they're also going to get an underlying message about low-risk alcohol use or low-risk behaviors associated to violence. So the students are really the ones that we want to benefit."

Kuhr, who frequently gives class presentations to educate students about alcohol and drug use, said students will gain hands-on experience from doing the projects.

"Realistically, I could stand in front of groups and groups of students and they're going to perceive me as just some guy giving them some lecture."

Kuhr said he involves himself in as many organizations that he can because alcohol education "should be in the back of everybody's mind in anything they do on this campus."

"We hope that students will take advantage of the grant, not only as an opportunity to earn some money but as a learning experience as well."

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patients waiting for heart transplants. There are 44,000 people in the country waiting for organ transplants, 375 of these live in Nebraska.

"There is a lot of competition for organs that become available," she said.

In order for a patient to be compatible with a donated organ the patient and the donor must have the same blood type and a similar body size. A similar body size was needed so the organ could support the patient's circulation system, she said.

All transplant patients are listed on the United Network Of Organ Sharing, which matches donors with recipients across the country. However, Thompson said that organs are usually utilized in the state where they originate.

Thompson said that a heart has four to six hours to be transplanted in order to prevent ischemic injury or injury due to lack of blood flow to that organ.

Of the 14,000 to 15,000 potential organ donors, only about 4,000 actually become donors. She said the lack of organ donors was due to lack of information. People often don't know



Deanna Soto

that it doesn't cost anything to become an organ donor.

Thompson said it is very important for people to talk to their families to talk about organ donation. She said she often hears family members say "I don't know what he wanted to do."

She said that it is important to "make a decision up front before a crisis happens. It makes it easier on the family."



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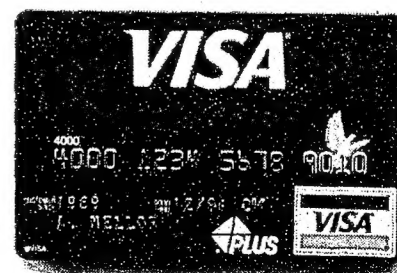
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Sports



Skokan Named Gateway's Mav of the Month

By Marylynn Ziemba

What started off with a spot on his junior high varsity basketball team in seventh grade has become the claim to fame for Mav basketball player John Skokan.

Now almost 10 years, over a thousand rebounds, and hundreds of points later, Skokan's basketball career has flourished.

Last weekend, the senior business management major broke Phil Cartwright's record (1988-1992) for career rebounds at UNO with a total of 957 rebounds. He also became the North Central Conference career leader with 678 rebounds, crashing former recordholder Dave Vonesh's record of 668 (North Dakota, 1987-1991.)

Skokan's athletic aspirations weren't always for basketball, however.

"I've always wanted to be a football player, but in seventh grade, all my friends and all these people said, 'You're tall, why don't you play basketball?'" Skokan said. "And then I played that year and really liked it, and decided to make it my sport."

After four years of basketball at Omaha Creighton Prep, Skokan recalled some of his most memorable games, "like one against Lincoln East where I had 24 points and 20 rebounds...just the games where it felt like I had complete control of the game." However, he had to decide whether or not he would venture away from his home state to play basketball in college.

"I was looking at Santa Clara, Colorado, UNO, Kearney, North Dakota and South Dakota State," Skokan said. "But I always said that if I was going to go Division II, I was going to stay here."

When it comes to his decision to coming to UNO, once Skokan told UNO basketball "yes," he said he hasn't looked back.

"It has been an experience. I've had a lot of experiences that I wouldn't have had if I had gone away, like in my business life and in my personal life. Some of the opportunities wouldn't have been there and some of them could have gone away. It's hard to say what could have happened, but I'm very happy with my choice."

After securing his name in the record books during Saturday night's game against North Dakota State, Skokan still hasn't totally come to terms with his newfound fame.

"I don't think I realize it yet," he said. "It doesn't really seem like a big deal to me right now, it's like I'm just going out and doing my job. Maybe some day when I'm not here anymore and I look back and I see myself in the record books, maybe that will be something. But right now I'm just doing my job. Coach (Lehman) wants me to get more rebounds and in the meantime, that's what I'm trying to do."

Skokan is currently averaging 9 points and 9.7 rebounds per game.

With only four more games left in the season, the Mavs will face South Dakota, Morningside, St. Cloud State, and Mankato State the next two weekends. However, Skokan doesn't plan on sitting back and savoring his success. "I want to go out with some more wins," Skokan said. "That's just my main priority."

In addition, he said he has another plan in mind.

"I also want to keep getting the rebounds and just make that record untouchable," Skokan said with a grin. "When I first came here, I knew I wanted to be one of the greatest centers and big men that ever came here to UNO. I just want to keep building on that record. Hopefully, in doing that, we can make some more wins out of

this for our program."

After the Mavs finish the season March 2 against Mankato State at the UNO Fieldhouse, Skokan said he isn't quite ready to retire his board-crashing skills. Instead, he said he would like to continue playing basketball overseas.

"I have heard about leagues over in Australia and would like to play over there," he said. "From a young age, I have always seen pictures of Australia and have always wanted to go there. Now, this might be my chance."

"Hopefully, I'll be able to prolong my basketball career after this, you know, for a couple of years. Once I'm like 50, I will be able to look back and tell my kids that I actually played pro ball. I just think it's an opportunity that you can't pass up."

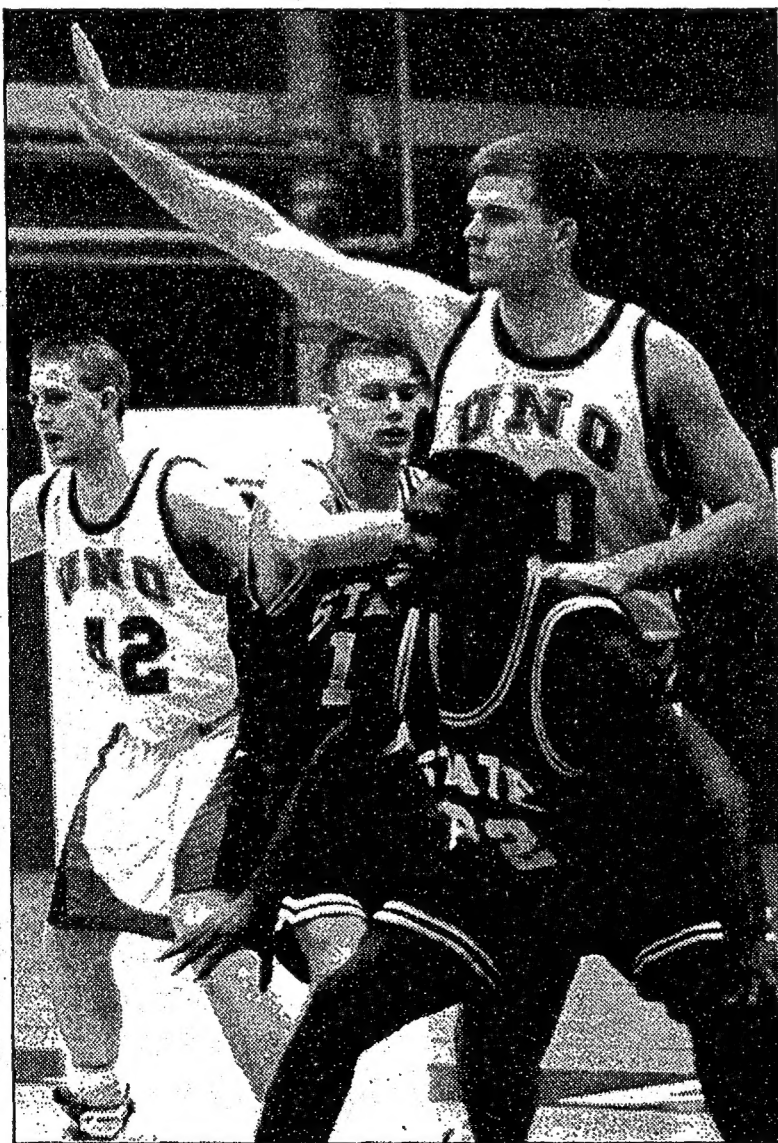
Every athlete knows, all too well, the feelings that go through his mind when his body is limp with fatigue, every muscle is sore and throbbing, and he feels like he just can't go any further. For Skokan, he said that when these feelings hit him, what keeps him going is his team.

"I think it's that sense of being on a team, because I know that there are people who don't get opportunities to do it. Most people don't get a chance to do it, to be on a team like this," Skokan said. "I really enjoy being with the team; all the guys on the team are great. They go out there and they just enjoy playing...and being a little crazy."

Even though each individual's skills and talents contribute to the overall success of the team, Skokan said he knows that attitude plays an incredible role, as well. Whether it be by imitating "Beavis and Butthead" wisecracks or recalling an inside joke, Skokan will try to liven up the spirits of his team.

"I like to have fun, and people sometimes call me a jokester

•See Skokan, page 6•



—Tony Reinke

Senior Center John Skokan looks confident shortly after breaking the record for career rebounds in the NCC against North Dakota State Saturday night.

Intramurals

BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL TOP 10

1. Connecticut	3-0
2. Blue Chips	2-1
3. NE State Champs	2-1
4. Richard Craniums	3-0
5. Bomb Squad	3-0
6. Jihad	2-0
7. Buns of Steel	1-2
8. Sig Ep A	3-0
9. Return of Gecko's	2-1
10. Contact Sports	3-0

Monday League

Bomb Squad	4-0
In Your Face	2-2
Cosmo's	2-2
The Funk	0-4

Wednesday "A" League

Sig Ep A	3-0
Return of Gecko's	2-1
Pike A	2-1
TKE	1-2
Theta Chi	1-2
Lambda Chi	0-3

Sunday "A" League

Connecticut	3-0
Blue Chips	2-1
NE State Champs	2-1
Buns of Steel	1-2
Members Only	0-3
The Moors	0-3

Tuesday League

Surf Nicaragua	2-0
Team Black	1-0
Scrubs	1-0
Fighting Amish	1-1
The Players	1-1
Morris	0-2
Five Shooters	0-2

Wednesday "B" League

Contact Sports	3-0
Mad Bombers II	2-1
Shepherders	2-0
Pike Z	1-1
Sig Ep C	1-2
Pigs	0-2
Roadkill	0-3

Sunday "B" League

Richard Craniums	3-0
Jihad	2-0
Above the Rim	1-2
Who Cares	0-2
No "O"	0-2

6x6 VOLLEYBALL

Fraternity League

Pike A	2-0
Sig Ep A	2-0
Theta Chi	1-2
Lambda Chi	1-2
TKE	0-2

Co-Rec "A" League

Month to Month	3-0
Court Crabs	2-1
Hit or Miss	2-1
Spikers	1-1
No Mercy	1-2
Side Out	0-2
Spike Eagles	0-2

Co-Rec "B" League

Viper	3-0
Drug Dealers	3-0
Dig-Dug	2-1
PEK	2-1
Still Friends	1-2
Crash Test Dummies	0-3
ZTA	0-3
All Stars	0-3

INDOOR SOCCER

Co-Rec League

Overachievers	4-0
UNMC	1-0
Slammers	1-1
SAB	1-1
ZTA	0-2

Men's League

Heroes	2-0
Fox's Follies	1-0
Cerveza	1-1
Pikes	1-1
Gerber's Boys	1-0
Int'l Dream Team	0-2
Red Army	0-2

Sidelines

Swimming/Diving Coach Added

Athletic Director Don Leahy took another step towards change in the athletic department with the addition of Swimming and Diving Head Coach Todd Samland. The program, set to begin competition in 1997-98, must begin planning, recruiting and other initial steps.

Samland's former position was head of the Maverick Adult Swim Program at HPER and was named 1994 Masters Swim Coach of the year.

Samland is planning on four of five home meets during his first year.



Todd Samland

Track Team at NCC Championships

The Lady Mav track squad will travel to Vermillion, S.D. for the North Central Conference championships this weekend.

Tim Hendrick's squad has six athletes ranked among the nation's leaders. Sophomore Carri Butler ranks third in Division II in the 55 meters and second in the 400. Elise Henry is fifth in the mile run and eighth in the 800. Tunisia Ellis is currently eighth in the 55 meters; Jamie Erkes is sixth in the 55 meter hurdles; Sandy Derby is No. 13 in the high jump; Amy Paulsen is seventh in the shot put.

Lady Mavs Travel to Vermillion and Sioux City

In a must-win stretch of NCC play, the Lady Mavs will travel to Vermillion, S.D. tonight and Sioux City, Iowa tomorrow to face South Dakota and Morningside.

USD and Morningside both stand at 1-13 in NCC play and both sit at the bottom of the conference.

The Lady Mavs defeated both teams earlier in the season at the Fieldhouse.

Maverick Men Hit Road

The Mavs will travel to Vermillion, S.D. Friday and Sioux City, Iowa on Saturday in their final road trip of the season. The Mavs are 1-13 and lost to both teams earlier in the season. USD is 17-6 and Morningside is 16-7.

Wrestling Leaders

The Mavs will host Augustana and Nebraska-Kearney tomorrow night at six. After a 23-18 loss in the hands of Central Oklahoma last weekend, the Mav wrestling squad still holds the No. 2 spot in the conference. Corry Royal is the conference's top wrestler at 177 pounds. Chad Short is second in the conference at 118 pounds and 20-10 on the season. Freshman Chris Blair is second at 150 pounds and 29-4 overall. Raphael Kizze, out with an injury since late January, holds the No. 1 spot at 167 pounds. Erin Daugherty is No. 3 in his weight.

Here's a look at UNO wrestlers that rank in the top in the conference:

118 pounds		167 pounds	
1.) Adrian Simmons, NDSU	12-9	1.) Jason Wagner, UND	1-0
2.) Chad Short, UNO	20-10	2.) Raphael Kizze, UNO	15-2
3.) Chad Wickman, SDSU	17-12	3.) T.J. DeAguiro, UNC	12-2
126 pounds		177 pounds	
1.) Jeff Kopusta, NDSU	11-0	1.) Corry Royal, UNO	32-5
2.) Marc Shufze, Mankato State	23-5	2.) Mike McCormick, NDSU	16-7
3.) Brauman Creighton, UNO	28-7	3.) Jeremy Pascoe, SDSU	6-1
134 pounds		190 pounds	
1.) Jason Reimert, Augustana	26-2	1.) Chad Lamer, SDSU	29-2
2.) Tony Benallo, UNC	20-2	2.) Pat Kelley, III, UNO	30-8
3.) Josh Sammons, SDSU	21-11	3.) Ross Johnson, Mankato	22-5
4.) George Thompson, NDSU	22-6		
4.) Tony Johnson, UNO	28-13		
142 pounds			
1.) Scott Hewitt, UNC	14-7		
2.) Travis King, SDSU	20-5		
3.) Jeremy Lavigne, NDSU	11-6		
3.) Ben Berogan, UND	19-16		
3.) John Alexander, Mankato	24-8		

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which, of course, I am," Skokan said with a chuckle. "People would say that I have a sense of humor, but you have to have one. You have to go in every day a little serious and know that you're going to give it your best and give it all you've got. But I have a sense of humor, too.

"If something goes wrong in practice and it's just going down, you can pick up the other guys. You know, get a smile on their faces because when they're looking down at the ground or sitting over on the sidelines like they're going to pass out because they've been running lines, you have to look at them and get a smile across their face. It helps practice go a lot better."

When it comes to inspiration, Skokan credits his own to his friends and family.

"I can sometimes go it by myself, but I

have got Tiffany, my fiancée; she's always there. She's always there after every game and no matter what happens, she always tells me 'good job.' I might come up the stairs in a bad mood but she's always there for me. She's always put up with me all these four years through the thick and thin here.

"I also have my family. I think that's one of the pluses of me staying here is that everyone's here so they can help push me and pat me on the back all the time when I need it."

If someone would have told Skokan, way back in seventh grade when he was first getting started in basketball what he was going to do in 1996 at UNO, what would he have said to them?

"I would have said they were crazy."

THATCH by Jeff Shesol

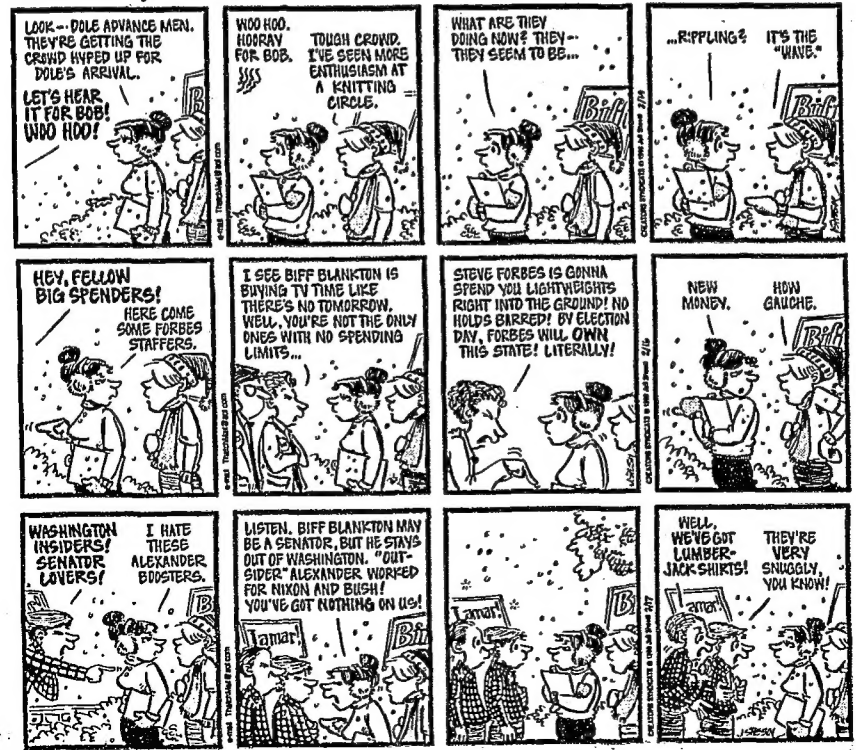


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New Group Aims to Exchange Old and New African Culture

By Eric Lockett

The idea of unity in the Omaha African-American community is not a new concept, but the reestablishment of unity within the African immigrant and student populations in Omaha is.

Rev. Ekoka Molindo, a UNO doctoral student and counselor in UNO's Office of Multicultural Affairs and president of UNO's African Student Association, has organized the African Cultural Exchange Organization.

Molindo said his vision is to establish the ACEO's five major goals:

- To break 500 years of forceful separation.

- For Africans to have the opportunity to

learn from African-Americans.

- For African-Americans to learn their African heritage or roots.

- To seek common solutions to common problems.

- To make a difference in communities. Africans identify with their homeland and nationality, Molindo said, but African-Americans taken from Africa cannot do that because of the separation between them during the past 500 years.

As a people, Africans view African-Americans as a lost brother struggling with lost pride and purpose, Molindo said.

There is a tendency by African-Americans, he said, to stray away from the tradi-

tional African values, namely a commitment to family, community, hard work, respect for elders and authority, hospitality and sharing.

Molindo said the organization is here to build a link between the Africans and the African-Americans and to erase some misconceptions.

"The saying 'It takes a whole village to raise a child' is an African way of life and what the organization wants to do. Raise the consciences of some African-Americans to a lost identity, and at the same time, raise the conscience of Africans in dealing with culture shock in America."

Molindo said the two problems add

stress and a loss of balance. The problems hinder success in college because the students or community people don't trust one another. It is a different value system and culture that Africans and African-Americans do not adjust to fast, he said.

African students need help in adjusting to values, language, weather and educational systems, Molindo said. The African educational system stresses moral education compared with the American system of secular education, he said.



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Chipasulas Share African Women's Poetry with UNO

By Brian J. Todd

UNO Black Studies Professor Frank Chipasula and his wife Stella led a reading of African women's poetry and discussion of women's issues during an event sponsored by the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women Monday.

The Chipasulas read African poetry from several books they have compiled and edited. They also led a discussion on the changing social landscapes in Africa and how those landscapes are affecting African literature.

The Chipasulas recently edited the first anthology of African Women's poetry in the world.

Dr. Chipasula said poetry by African women often was not published in the past since publishers only looked at manuscripts of established male authors.

While at a conference in New York he showed his original manuscript to other African scholars, he said. Many scholars found it hard to believe he had found published poetry by 105 different African women.

"Many people asked me, 'Where did you get them all?'" he said.

He found some poems in old magazines, newspapers. Others came from university libraries in the U.S., often translated from their original language to English through another such as French, he said.

"Most of the poems came from the Yale library," he said.

Eventually 42 poets were included in the final published book, *African Women's Poetry*.

"There is still a lot of work in French and Portuguese that has not been translated (into English)," he said.

But Mrs. Chipasula said she fears many of the older, traditional poems will soon be lost if they are not written down soon.

Since so much of the African population has moved into the urban areas over the past few decades, she said many of the traditional activities are no longer practiced.

"Women work as bank tellers and secretaries now," she said. Though people still live

with the same emotions and struggles "the setting has changed." They both said that traditional African poetry was an oral poetry, often sung as traditional songs to help pass the time while working or to encourage children during their development.

"Once in awhile when you are putting a baby to sleep," said Mrs. Chipasula, "you sing to them."

Dr. Chipasula said there were also songs to encourage a baby to walk or learn a certain task. Most of these songs were never written down, he said.



—Steve Houlton

Frank Chipasula, a black studies professor, left, and his wife Stella, a library staff member, read and discuss African women's poetry.

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